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PLAN IN CONGRESS U. S. TAKE OVER TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH IN HAWAII

Government Ownership Scheme Crops Up in Appropriation Bill—Similar Proposal Failed Last Year—Small Outlay is Suggested—Postmaster Young Has Heard of Plan

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—A new feature of the government's financial estimates and contemplated appropriations, presented at the opening of Congress today, is the incorporation of a proposal for a government monopoly of telephone and telegraph service in Alaska, Porto Rico and Hawaii. Under the plan, these plants are to be acquired by the postoffice department after an appraisal by the interstate commerce commission, the plan being to have them taken over July 1, 1916. An appropriation of \$300,000 is asked for this.

The proposal referred to in the Associated Press despatch above was suggested last year but failed of securing serious consideration and was quickly defeated. It is believed here that nothing like enough votes can be mustered in the present Congress plan and in any event, the appropriation is so insufficient that it seems ridiculous.

A year ago the scheme cropped up as a rider on the postoffice appropriation bill, favored by Postmaster-General Burleson. The recommendations of Mr. Burleson then were apparently exactly similar to those now made, calling for an appropriation of \$300,000 to take over the telephone and telegraph utilities in Hawaii, Alaska and Porto Rico.

The house committee turned the recommendations down and cut the \$300,000 item out of the appropriation bill. The postmaster-general stated in his annual report that in the outlying territories it would be a good thing to experiment with government ownership. His recommendations on the subject were:

"It is also recommended that the telegraph and telephone facilities of Alaska, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands be at once taken over and operated by the postoffice department. This recommendation is based on an exhaustive investigation which disclosed that the conditions in these territories are generally such as to favor the change. A large part of the property involved is already government-owned and operated in Alaska by the war department and in Porto Rico by the insular government. The services are so detached geographically as to preclude complicated relationships with neighboring systems and are yet sufficient in extent to afford valuable experimental demonstration for the postal service looking to the administration eventually of a complete national system.

"This action will have the effect of strengthening the national government in its outlying territories and is especially recommended because of the expediency of taking over the private ownership before elaborate and costly extensions and duplications of service have been built.

"The secretary of war has suggested the transfer of the control of cable and telegraph service in Alaska to the postoffice department. Anticipating favorable action by Congress an item of \$300,000 has been inserted in the department's estimates for the ensuing fiscal year to cover the expense involved in operating this and the insular services during the first fiscal year after their acquisition."

Postmaster Young Has Heard of Plan. On being shown a copy of the Associated Press despatch received today, Postmaster William F. Young made the following statement:

"When I was selected for the assignment as postmaster at Honolulu, the Hon. Daniel C. Roper, first assistant postmaster-general, informed me that possibly the government would use Hawaii as a place to try out this plan.

"Further than this, I am not in a position to state the course the department will pursue in this matter." Appropriation Far Too Small.

The appropriation of \$300,000 to take over the telephone and telegraph plants is not even half large enough for one plant in Hawaii alone, the Mutual Telephone Company, which has more than a million dollars' worth of assets.

For this reason, if for no other, it is not believed that the postmaster-general's government ownership suggestion will get very far in this Congress.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE GIVES CONGRESS SOMETHING NEW

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Woman suffrage leaders are bringing the fight for "Votes for Women" to the capital. Representative Mondell of Wyoming is introducing the Anthony amendment, providing for constitutional amendment to permit general equal suffrage, which must be voted on later by the states.

A picturesque parade and demonstration by the women preceded the opening of the fight in Congress. The original mammoth petition for the legislation was lost somewhere en route to Washington.

The women leaders of the movement called on the president later in the White House.

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REBELS CAPTURE THREE WARSHIPS; NANKING FALLS

Shanghai Revolt Spreads and Young Sient Tock, Governor of Province, Reported Dead

CRUISERS SUWOR, CHAO AND HI TIN ARE TAKEN

Koni Arsenal Silenced By Guns on Vessels Wreathed From Supporters of Yuan

An Associated Press despatch early this afternoon indicates that the rebel outbreak is practically quelled. It says:

"SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 6.—Three outbreaks have taken place by small bands of rebels. The authorities have quelled them. The cruiser Chao-Ho, seized yesterday, was abandoned after it had been shelled by other war vessels and set on fire. An attack on the arsenal was repulsed. The police station was attacked and damaged with bombs, several policemen being killed. The outlaws have been dispersed.

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shiping.)

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 6.—A despatch from Shanghai states that the revolutionists have captured three warships from the monarchy party, and that the soldiers in that city have gone over to the revolutionists. The uprising occurred when the revolutionists secured the cruiser Suwor and then fired on the arsenal. A late despatch states that the people of the province of Nanking have taken the barracks there.

Soldiers Would Not Obey.

(Special Cable to Liberty News.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6.—An unconfirmed report has reached here that Young Sient Tock, the military governor of this province, has been killed. In a last effort to clear the situation, he urged his soldiers to crush the uprising, but his soldiers refused and joined the revolutionary party, says the report.

Commander Went Ashore.

(Special Cable to Liberty News.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6.—Serious outbreaks occurred in this city this evening, many thousand revolutionists attacking government strongholds here. The first attack occurred at 6:30 when Commander Shih Chia Bing of the cruiser went ashore for an entertainment, and a thousand of the revolutionists occupied the cruiser and secured the assistance of the marines. The cruiser Suwor fired on the arsenal here and after a short battle in the harbor three cruisers surrendered to the revolutionary party. After this an attack was made upon the Koni arsenal, and this fortification was finally taken. The guns at the arsenal fired upon the Suwor, but the cruiser was not damaged.

During the fighting a report was received that Young Sient Tock, the military governor, had been killed by revolutionists. Another report said that the government was in hiding in a settlement near the harbor. Firing was heard near the vicinity of Wusung, and at 10:30 the official gave out the report that the Wusung military officers had joined the revolutionists. Many of the soldiers around the city joined the National party during the conflict. The city is in a state of disorder, and only a few of the citizens are backing the monarchy movement. Marching into Shanghai.

A late report from Nanking states (Continued on page three)

JAPANESE WANT KOREAN CAUGHT DEAD OR ALIVE

Merchants Put Price on Head of Bandit at Large in City for Many Months

Three hundred dollars reward offered by Japanese merchants of Honolulu for the capture dead or alive of Yo Yee Keuk, the Korean bandit who has been haunting the Japanese section of the city night after night, to day stimulated the police to renewed vigor in their search for the desperado and his capture is confidently expected within a few days. Sheriff Rose offered \$50 reward for information which will lead to the capture of Keuk.

Detectives and policemen have been out every night for a week endeavoring to locate the Korean, and with a number of clues to work on confidently expect to trail him to his hiding place. Knowing that the man is desperate and absolutely fearless, no chance will be taken with him if he is located, unless he obeys the first order to surrender. Keuk has shot two men, one in absolutely cold blood, but killed neither of them. He has committed many a number of robberies and hold-ups and a few weeks ago fought a revolver battle with officers and detectives in the heart of the city. The Korean has broken out of jail twice, and once escaped when surrounded in a building by jumping through a window and dodging his pursuers.

U. S. NEEDS HUGE DEFENSE FUND

CONGRESS MUST
FINANCE GREAT
NATIONAL PLANS

Expenditure for New Fiscal Year Will Exceed That of Old By \$265,000,000

ARMY AND NAVY INCREASE MEANS BIG APPROPRIATION
Representative Kitchin Has Promised He'll Frame Measure to Make Up Sum

By C. S. ALBERT
(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—An aggregate of \$1,400,000,000 is required to maintain the government during the coming fiscal year. The estimates which will be submitted to Congress, when it convenes December 6, call for this enormous sum.

The great upset amount desired is \$265,000,000 in excess of the estimates of the previous fiscal year. The pruning of the estimates for this year resulted in a saving of but \$20,000,000.

A large proportion of the added \$265,000,000 is for increases in the army and navy, to meet demands for better national preparedness. Representative Kitchin, new chairman of the ways and means committee, has promised the president that he will frame measures to bring in the necessary additional revenues.

Representative Kitchin, new chairman of the ways and means committee, has promised the president that he will frame measures to bring in the necessary additional revenues. He states that this can be done without excessive taxation must be figured out. Here are some of the items which must contribute toward making up this vast sum:

1. To continue the import duty on sugar, which, it is estimated, will bring in about \$40,000,000.
2. An internal tax on gasoline of two cents a gallon, which will provide \$27,000,000.
3. An import duty of three cents a pound on coffee, which will bring in \$30,000,000.
4. A duty on wool, which will provide \$10,000,000.
5. An import duty on bananas, to produce \$5,000,000.
6. An import duty on lemons, to produce \$4,000,000.
7. An import duty on coal tar dyes, to produce \$1,000,000.

To this sum would be added about \$88,000,000, which would come from the present war tax, making a total of \$203,500,000.

This is a rough estimate of the present tentative plan of one or more members of the ways and means committee. In addition, the income tax would be levied upon incomes of \$2000 or more and an inheritance tax provided. There is considerable talk of adding an internal revenue tax on beer and other intoxicating liquors, but it is understood that Mr. Kitchin opposes such a step.

It is argued by those in favor of the import duty on coffee that 3 cents a pound would cost Americans 27 cents a year per capita, if they had to pay the tax, but it is the desire of the members of the committee who would tax coffee to force, if possible, the middleman to pay the tax. The talk of levying a tax on automobiles has been renewed and it is believed that the next revenue bill will include motor cars.

A majority of the members of the ways and means committee favor putting the additional taxes required for the enlarged national defense plan on those who are able to bear them.

A careful study is being made of the manufacture of arms, ammunition and other war supplies, with a view to exacting a heavy tax on the producers.

The "nagging" taxes, such as stamps on bank checks and the like, will be omitted.

HILL SHIP WILL BRING MILLIONS HERE IN SEASON

Honolulu's business men tendered hearty welcomes to the Great Northern ship today at the noon hour, when in the open house luncheon at the Commercial Club, members of this organization, the Chamber of Commerce, the Ad Club and the Hawaii Promotion Committee, met the officers of the big liner.

Brief speeches made by Governor Pinkham, Mayor Lane and Fred L. Waldron voiced the feeling of good will which Honolulu feels for the service. Capt. A. Ahman responded for his fellow officers and the company officials. He brought forth a round of applause when he expressed the hope that the Great Northern may stay on the Honolulu run never leaving it for any other.

L. M. Judd, vice-president of the Commercial Club, introduced the speakers, calling first upon Governor Pinkham. The governor said in part: "We are indeed glad to welcome the Great Northern, through its officers. We are particularly interested

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NEW LEADING FIGURE
IN CONGRESS FINANCE



Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina. He succeeds Oscar W. Underwood as chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, often referred to as the most powerful committee of Congress and the most important single public body in the United States. Kitchin has said that he does not support the administration's defense program in detail, but that he will not fight President Wilson on this issue.

IMPROVEMENT OF TWO TERRITORIAL HARBORS ASKED

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—In the appropriation bills presented to Congress today, \$108,850 is asked for the improvement of Honolulu harbor and \$10,000 for Kahului harbor.

FORD AND SHEBA TO VISIT WITH LONDONS

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shiping)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 6.—Alexander Hume Ford and S. Sheba left San Francisco yesterday for Sonoma county, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack London for three days. Mr. and Mrs. London will accompany the Honolulu people back to Hawaii on the Great Northern, which leaves this city December 18. Robert W. Shingle will also be a passenger on the Great Northern. Mr. Sheba will take his typewriter machine with him on the Hill liner.

CHRISTMAS RUSH AT POSTOFFICE ON IN EARNEST

Great Northern Will Take Many
Parcels, and Makura Will
Have Big Lot Friday

The annual Christmas rush is now well under way at the postoffice. Today a good business was done in stamp sales, and when the Great Northern sails at 11 o'clock tonight she will carry a large amount of Christmas mail for the mainland.

Superintendent of Mails Frank T. Sullivan today asked the Star-Bulletin to urge Honoluluans to mail their Christmas parcels early. "Buy Don't Open Until Christmas" stickers and place them on the reverse side of your parcels," he said. "In that way they will not be opened until Christmas. By mailing early you will be sure to have your parcels reach your friends and relatives before December 25. If you wait until the last minute mainland offices will be so swamped with business that delivery may not be possible until several days after Christmas."

Tomorrow afternoon Honoluluans will have another opportunity to send presents away to the states when the Makura sails at 4 o'clock. Mails for this Makura boat will close at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

Friday afternoon the Canadian-Australasian liner Makura, due to sail at 5 o'clock for Vancouver, will take a full despatch of mail for the states, Canada and Europe, with the exception of the Teutonic Allies—Germany, Austria, Hungary and Turkey. The Makura will be the last boat to insure arrival of Christmas presents in eastern Canada and the eastern states before December 25.

The Makura arrives at Vancouver the evening of December 16. Mail sent on her will reach San Francisco and other California cities December 18, three days in advance of the time packages sent on the Matsonia, leaving here December 18, would arrive

ADMINISTRATION ESTIMATES MORE THAN TWO BILLIONS OF DOLLARS; MUCH FOR MILITIA

CONGRESS ASKED TO GUARD NATION AGAINST WAR—FRENCH CABINET OFFICIAL DECLARES TEUTON CONQUESTS OF TERRITORY MUST BE WON BACK AND MILITARISM ENDED—RUSSIA PRESSED FOR MEN—GERMAN CABLEGRAMS TELL OF VICTORIES

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireles]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The administration's financial program, made public in detail today at the opening of the new session of Congress, shows that Uncle Sam needs a huge fund to carry out the army and navy expansion plans approved by the administration heads.

The estimates for military and naval expenditure are the most elaborate ever proposed in peace times. As the program is sent to Congress, the administration asks \$152,345,259 for the army and \$211,518,074 for the navy.

Combined, these two estimates exceed those of last year by \$124,000,000, and this is exclusive of the proposed sums to be spent for fortifications, which add millions more to the estimates, and are to be handled in a separate bill.

The entire military defense plan calls for expenditures exceeding the similar appropriations of last year by \$150,000,000.

The war department is asking an increase in the appropriation for the signal corps branch of the service of \$4,000,000, most of which is to be devoted to developing army aviation and building new aircraft.

For the militia, the estimates ask \$4,000,000, instead of \$500,000, appropriated last year.

The total estimates amount to \$2,185,857,808, by far the largest the U. S. has ever contemplated in peace times.

German Cablegrams Tell of Steady Progress of Troops in Balkans

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"German Headquarters' Report, Dec. 6.—On the west front there are artillery duels and hand grenade engagements at several places. Near Bapaume two English aeroplanes were shot down and the operators killed.

"On the east front, a Russian attack west of Babit lake, west of Riga, broke down before the German lines, with heavy Russian losses. German aeroplane hit by Russian artillery descended near Markgraf, on the Courland shore, and was rescued by the Germans.

"In the Balkan arena, south of Syenica and northeast of Ipek yesterday Montenegrin and Serbian detachments were repulsed."

The following cablegram from official German sources tells of yesterday's situation:

"German Headquarters' Report, Dec. 5.—German and Bulgarian detachments have entered Monastir and were joyfully welcomed by the authorities and population. In successful engagements near Plevlje and in the mountains northeast of Ipek several hundred prisoners were captured.

"Southwest of Pristend the Bulgarians halted the retreating enemy and defeated them, taking more than 100 cannon and large quantities of war material. Among them were 200 automobiles.

"The Serbian rear guards were repulsed in engagements in the Yama mountains, east of Dibra, and half way to Kreovacchrida."

France Declares Fight Will Go On

PARIS, France, Dec. 6.—That the Allies will not lay down the sword until the Teutons are completely vanquished is the statement today of Albert Thomas, the French under-secretary of war. He declared that France will not make peace until Alsace-Lorraine is won, Belgium and Serbia restored fully to their own people, and German imperialism and Prussian militarism crushed beyond the possibility of resurrection.

His statement is attracting widespread attention, as it is the first of the kind from a responsible cabinet official.

Russia Summons Young Men Next Year

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 6.—An imperial ukase issued today orders the enrollment of the class of 1917 in 1916, thus setting forward a year the date when this 1917 class may be sent to the front.

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at the coast. The Makura's mail will reach Chicago and New York five days ahead of that sent on the Matsonia.

The Matsonia will afford the last chance to send Christmas presents to California and Pacific coast cities in time to make sure of delivery before Christmas Day.

Packages sent on this boat will reach middle west points in time, and possibly the eastern states, although the margin in the latter case is a very narrow one; as the Matsonia will not reach San Francisco until December 21, and in ordinary times at least five days is required for parcels from the coast to be delivered at points in the eastern states.

The second trial of Eugene Buchanan, a corporal in the 25th Infantry, who is charged with second-degree murder, was begun in Circuit Judge Ashford's court today. It is alleged that early on the morning of October 23 Buchanan shot and killed his wife, Laura Buchanan. The first trial resulted in a disagreement by the jury.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 4.—Sugar: 96 deg. test, 5.38 cents. Previous quotation, 5.115 cents.

RAPID TRANSIT MILEAGE TOLD OF BY WITNESS

Fred E. Harvey, civil engineer, testified on behalf of the Territory this morning in the injunction suit of the Territory against the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company. Mr. Harvey told of the mileage of the tracks of the system, the character of the rails used, the paving in place, and the length of the overhead construction. The number of poles used was also enumerated. The testimony was supplemented by detailed maps and drawings and tabulated statements, which were admitted in evidence and filed as exhibits for the Territory. Mr. Harvey is continuing his testimony this afternoon.

Capt. J. D. MacDonald was appointed chief of staff of the Atlantic fleet, relieving Capt. H. MacL. Huse.